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WORKERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who went abroad on contract employment during each of the last two years and current year;

(b) whether the number of workers going abroad are dwindling year after year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to help the workers from being cheated by dubious agents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): The number of workers who went abroad on contractual employment after obtaining clearance from the Protectors of Emigrants, during the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 (up to 31.3.2002) are as under:-

2000	2.43 lakh
2001	2.79 lakh
2002	80,063(upto 31.3.2002)

(b): The above data do not indicate any decline in the number of workers going abroad on contractual employment.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Sporadic complaints against dubious agents/individuals are received from time to time. As and when such complaints are received the police authorities are requested to lodge First Information Reports and investigate. Further, with a view to curb the activities of unscrupulous agents, detailed guidelines have been issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for issuing necessary instructions right down to the police station level to maintain strict vigil against nefarious activities of unscrupulous agents and register cases against them.